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Title : DOOR-MOUNTED TIE-OUT	

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As an officer of Aspen Pet Products, Inc. ("assignee"), a Delaware corporation, I hereby certify that the assignee is the owner by assignment of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

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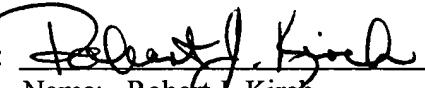
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, the assignee hereby states that prosecution of the captioned application is to be conducted to the exclusion of the inventors.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized and empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

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Dated: 15 March 2004

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Name: Robert J. Kireh
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, **Robert J. KIRCH**, residing at 31 North Algonquian Street, Aurora, Colorado 80018 and **Richard A. KRAVER**, residing at 4 Palm Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida 33135 (hereinafter, individually and collectively the "Assignor"), have invented certain new and useful systems, devices, and methods disclosed and described in an application for Letters Patent in the United States ("U.S.") entitled "DOOR-MOUNTED TIE-OUT," which can be identified in the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") under application no. 10/625,585, filed on 22 July 2003 (the "Patent Application"); and

WHEREAS, **ASPEN PET PRODUCTS, INC.**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having its principal place of business at 4735 North Florence Street, Denver, Colorado 80238 (the "Assignee"), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest of Assignor in and to the invention, the Patent Application and in, to, and under any and all Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned, and transferred and does hereby sell, assign, and transfer to the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the Patent Application, and all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, continuing prosecution, reexamination, and reissue applications that claim priority thereto; all international, regional, and foreign applications that claim priority or otherwise correspond thereto; the Letters Patent, both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue, or may or shall have issued, therefrom; any extensions or renewals thereof; and any right, title, or interest in and to the invention under any international conventions (collectively "the Patent Rights"); and the Assignor hereby authorizes and requests transfer of the Patent Application and any further applications, which may be or shall have been filed under the Patent Rights, to the Assignee in accordance herewith.

Assignor further authorizes said Assignee, its successors, and assigns, or anyone it may properly designate, to apply for Letters Patent in the U.S. and any and all foreign countries and regions, in its own name if desired, and additionally to claim priority to the filing date of the Patent Application and otherwise take advantage of the provisions of any international conventions.

Assignor further covenants and agrees that this Assignment is effective as of 22 July 2003.

Assignor represents and warrants that Assignor has the right, title, and authority to execute this Assignment and to convey all right, title, and interest in the Patent Rights, and that Assignor has not conveyed nor will convey hereafter all or part of the Patent Rights to a third party; and Assignor hereby covenants and agrees with the Assignee, its successors and assigns, that Assignor will not execute in writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these representations, and that Assignor, Assignor's successors, legal representatives, or administrators will at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the Assignee, its successors, and assigns, execute such additional writings and do such additional acts as said Assignee, its successors, and assigns, may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the Assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for, obtaining, and enforcing any of the Patent Rights, including giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such Patent Rights.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Assignor hereunto has executed this Assignment upon the date indicated below.

STATE OF COLORADO)
CITY OF) ss.
COUNTY OF)

By:


Robert J. KIRCH

Dated: 15 MARCH 2004

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Robert J. KIRCH, who executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes and considerations therein expressed.

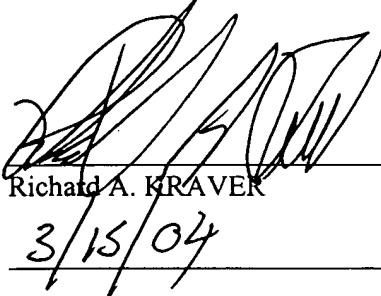
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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 04/08/06

STATE OF COLORADO)
CITY OF) ss.
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By:


Richard A. KRAVER

Dated: 3/15/04

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Richard A. KRAVER, who executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes and considerations therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 22ND day of March, 2004.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 04/08/06

The Assignee hereby acknowledges and accepts the foregoing assignment of rights by Assignor.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Assignee, by its undersigned officer, confirms its acceptance on the date set forth below.

ASPEN PET PRODUCTS, INC.

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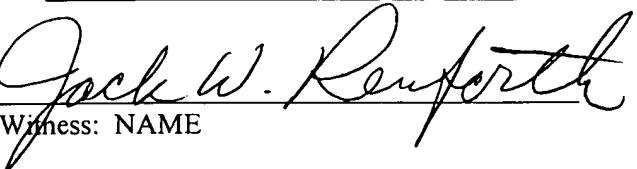

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